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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the US national phase of PCT/CA99/01177 which is
filed herewith, please make the following amendments to the claims, as amended before the
IPEA/EP:

In the claims:

In claim 3, line 1, delete "claim 3" and insert -- claim 2 --.

In claim 4, line 1, delete "any of claims 1 to 3" and insert -- claim 1 --.

In claim 5, line 1, delete "any of claims 1 to 4" and insert -- claim 1 --.

In claim 6, line 1, delete "any of claims 1 to 5" and insert -- claim 1 --.

In claim 7, line 1, delete "any of claims 1 to 6" and insert -- claim 1 --.

In claim 8, line 1, delete "any of claims 1 to 7" and insert -- claim 1 --.

In claim 9, line 1, delete "any of claims 1 to 8" and insert -- claim 1 --.

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